

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 28-36, 46-59 and 65-72 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 28, 46 and 65 are cancelled and claims 2, 4, 5, 11, 14, 15, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 47, 54, 66, 67, 68 and 69 are amended.

Claim Rejections 35 USC §102

Independent claims 1, 28, 46, and 65 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Willard (5,851,176) and under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Burton et al. (5,141,509).

By the present amendment independent claims 1, 28, 46 and 65 have been cancelled.

Notice of Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-18, 29-36, 47-59, and 66-72 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter and has amended the claims in accordance therewith. Specifically, claims 2, 4, 5, 11, 14, and 15, which were originally directly dependent on claim 1, have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1. Claims 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33, which were originally directly dependent on claim 28, have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 28. Claims 47 and 54, which were originally directly dependent on claim 46, have been amended to include the limitations of claim 46. Claims 66, 67, 68, and 69, which were originally directly dependent on claim 65, have been amended to include the limitations of claim 65. As such, the present application now includes 18 independent claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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